IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display apparatus configured to have a liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate, characterized by comprising:

a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix in a display region that displays an image, the pixels including a first pixel with a first gap for interposition of the liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a second pixel with a second gap that is smaller than the first gap, the first pixel including a first color filter layer that has a first film thickness and mainly passes first color light, and the second pixel including a second color filter layer that has a second film thickness, which is greater than the first film thickness, and mainly passes second color light, the first color light having a wavelength that is greater than a wavelength of the second color light;

switching elements disposed near intersections of scan lines and signal lines in communication with the plurality of pixels;

a first through-hole of the first color filter layer connecting a first pixel electrode to one of the switching elements;

a second through-hole of the second color filter layer, said second through-hole connecting a first pixel electrode to another one of the switching elements;

a columnar spacer for creating the second gap, the columnar spacer being disposed not at the first pixel but on the second color filter layer at the second pixel; and

a light shield layer disposed in a picture-frame shape along a peripheral edge of the display region,

wherein the columnar spacer and the light shield layer are formed simultaneously using a negative-type photosensitive resin material by undergoing a single exposure process through a photo mask having a predetermined pattern.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the columnar spacer and the light shield layer are formed of the same negative-type photoresist material.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first substrate includes the first color filter layer, the second color filter layer and the columnar spacer, and

the first substrate further includes scan lines disposed in a row direction, signal lines disposed in a column direction, switching elements disposed near intersections of the scan lines and the signal lines, and pixel electrodes that are connected to the switching elements and are disposed in a matrix.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (New). A manufacturing method of a liquid crystal display apparatus configured to have a liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate and to display an image in a display region including a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix, comprising:

a process of forming the first substrate including forming scan lines disposed in a row direction, signal lines disposed in a column direction, and switching elements disposed near intersections of the scan lines and the signal lines, so as to correspond to the display region on an insulative substrate;

forming a first color filter layer corresponding to a first pixel and a second color filter layer, which is thicker than the first color filter layer, corresponding to a second pixel which displays a color having shorter wavelength than the first pixel;

forming a pixel electrode that is connected to the switching element via a through-hole of the first color filter layer on the first color filter layer and a pixel electrode that is connected to the switching elements via a through-hole of the second color filter layer on the second color filter layer, and

after coating a black negative-type photosensitive resin material and undergoing a single exposure process through a single photo mask, eliminating the resin material on the first color filter layer and simultaneously forming a columnar spacer on the second color filter layer and forming a light shield layer that is disposed in a picture-frame shape along a peripheral edge of the display region;

a process of forming the second substrate including forming a counter electrode; and

a process of attaching the first substrate to the second substrate, wherein

a gap between the attached first substrate and second substrate of the second pixel is smaller than that of the first pixel.